



# U.S. Air Force SNAP SHOT

*A summary of facts and figures representative of America's Air Force.*

**(As of April 2003)**

## What We Believe ...

- **Vision:** Global vigilance, reach and power
- **Mission:** To defend the United States and protect its interests through air and space power
- **Core Values:** Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- **Core Competencies:** Developing Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting, and Integrating Operations
- **Distinctive Capabilities:** Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority, Agile Combat Support

## AF Basics

- **Established:** September 18, 1947
- **Active Duty Strength:** 364,000
- **Total Force Strength (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve & Civilians):** 752,000
- **Budget (for FY03):** \$107 billion
- **Bases:** 84 major installations, 82 minor installations
- **Aircraft in Total Force Inventory:** 5,800
- **Career Specialties:** 46 officer, 135 enlisted

## Key Leaders

- **AF Secretary:** [Hon. James G. Roche](#)
- **AF Chief of Staff:** [Gen. John P. Jumper](#)
- **AF Undersecretary:** [Mr. Peter B. Teets](#)
- **AF Vice Chief of Staff:** [Gen. Robert H. Foglesong](#)
- **Chief Master Sergeant of AF:** [CMSAF Gerald R. Murray](#)

## AF Demographics

### Totals:

- **Civilian:** 139,500
- **Officers:** 71,500
- **Enlisted:** 292,500
- **ANG:** 112,000
- **AFRC:** 136,900

### Average Total Service:

- **Officers:** 11 yrs
- **Enlisted:** 8 yrs

### Active Force:

- **Men:** 81%
- **Women:** 19%

### Ethnic Group/ U.S.\*

- **Caucasian:** 73%/75%
- **Black:** 16%/12%
- **Hispanic:** 5%/6%
- **Other:** 6%/7%

\* Ethnic breakout compared to the 2000 U.S. Census

### Commissioning Sources

- **AFROTC:** 42%
- **OTS:** 21%
- **Academy:** 19%
- **Other:** 18%

### % of Officers Rated:

- **Pilots/Female:** 18%/4%
- **Navigators/Female:** 7%/4%

### Marital Status:

- **Officers:** 71%
- **Enlisted:** 56%

### Average Age:

- **Officers:** 35
- **Enlisted:** 29
- **Total below age 26:** 40.5%

## Budget

- **Total FY03:** \$107 Billion
  - **Ops and Maintenance:** 31.4%
  - **Military Personnel:** 23.9%
  - **Procurement:** 25.5%
  - **Research, Development, Test & Eval:** 16.5%
  - **Mil Family Housing:** 1.4%
  - **Construction:** .7%
  - **BRAC:** .1%
  - **Other:** .5%

## Total Force Mission Breakout

- **Rescue:** Active: 48%, Guard: 24%, Reserve: 28%
- **Tanker:** Active: 43%, Guard: 43%, Reserve: 14%
- **Theater Airlift:** Active: 28%, Guard: 49%, Reserve: 23%
- **Strategic Airlift:** Active: 59%, Guard: 11%, Reserve: 30%
- **Bomber:** Active: 83%, Guard: 9%, Reserve: 8%
- **Fighter:** Active: 62%, Guard: 32%, Reserve: 6%
- **Space:** Active: 95%, Guard: 2%, Reserve: 3%
- **ISR:** Active: 89%, Guard: 6%, Reserve: 5%

## Education Levels

### Enlisted-Highest Attained:

- High School Diploma: 82%
- AA or Equivalent Hours: 14%
- B.A., B.S., or higher: 4%

### Officer-Highest:

- Advanced/ Professional degrees: 51%
- B.A. or B.S.: 49%

## Basing of People

- **Located Stateside:** 80% in 72 major installations and 80 minor installations
- **Located Overseas:** 20% in 12 major installations and 2 minor installations

## Key Messages, Apr - Jun 03

### Air and Space Expeditionary Force:

- **This Total Force organization** lets us conduct broad range operations with minimum warning time.
- **The Air Force continues to make steady progress** in the manning, equipping and training of the dedicated forces and in the force flow management that is so critical to its success.
- **The natural state of "doing business"** is not at home station, but in deployed operations.

### Global War on Terrorism

- **There is no timeline**, against a different kind of enemy -- a series of terrorist networks that threaten the way of life for all peaceful people
- **We remain engaged** in a fight against a determined and resilient enemy.
- **The U.S. Air Force is an important component of the joint military force** assembled in the Gulf region to disarm Saddam Hussein. Today there are almost 36,000 USAF airmen in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility
- **The conduct of the Iraqi regime is a threat** to the authority of the United Nations, and a threat to peace.
- **250,000 Americans** are involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### F/A-22 Raptor

- **AF and DoD are committed to "buy-to budget"**. There has been no direction to cut the number of F/A-22s procured, and total F/A-22 budget remains unchanged at \$43 billion.
- **F/A-22 performance to date** is outstanding. Stealth, supercruise, revolutionary maneuverability and integrated avionics will give us the advantage over any enemy in the foreseeable future.

### Recruiting/Retention

- **Our people make our Air Force** the world's premier air and space force; taking care of them must be our top priority.
- **Airmen develop valuable leadership** and technical skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.
- **The Air Force should look like** the country we protect and serve. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our workforce.
- **Our nation needs its Air Force** as never before, and our Air Force needs each and every airman as never before to fight and win this Global War on Terrorism.

## More information on the Web

- Air Force Link: [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)
- Air Force Issues & Answers: [www.issues.af.mil](http://www.issues.af.mil)
- Air Force recruiting: [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)
- Air Force art: [www.af.mil/photos/art\\_current.shtml](http://www.af.mil/photos/art_current.shtml)
- Air Force careers: [www.airforce.com/careers](http://www.airforce.com/careers)
- Civilian careers: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs)

## Career Opportunities

**Officer:** Recruiting 6,000 yearly in these categories:

- **Flight:** 17 career fields (i.e., pilot and navigator)
- **Non-Technical:** 10 career fields (i.e., intelligence, personnel, supply, and acquisition)
- **Specialty:** 12 career fields (i.e., chaplain, medical, law, and financial management)
- **Technical:** 7 career fields (i.e., civil engineer, aircraft maintenance and communication/information scientists and engineers.

**Enlisted:** Recruiting 36,000 yearly in these categories:

- **Administrative:** 14 career fields (i.e., broadcasting, airfield management, supply systems analysis)
- **Operations support:** 34 career fields (i.e., aerial gunner, physical therapy, and aircraft maintenance)
- **Operations:** 56 career fields (i.e., in-flight refueling, loadmaster, pararescue and fire protection)
- **Operations systems:** 31 career fields (i.e., weather, space systems operations, and avionics

*All but 2 (combat control & pararescue) open to women.*

## AF Air and Space Inventory

### Attack, Observation & Battle Management:

- Total: 431
- Active, 277; Guard, 102; Reserve, 52

### Bombers:

- Total: 201
- Active, 191; Guard, 1; Reserve, 9

### Fighters:

- Total: 2,057
- Active, 1,384; Guard, 603; Reserve, 70

### Helicopters:

- Total: 203
- Active, 162; Guard, 18; Reserve, 23

### Satellites:

- Total: 40
- AF launches: 157

### Tankers:

- Total: 661
- Active, 344; Guard, 239; Reserve, 78

### Trainers:

- Total (all Active): 1,164

### Transports and Special Duty:

- Total: 1,027
- Active, 579; Guard, 254; Reserve, 194

### Unmanned Aerial Reconnaissance System:

- Total (all Active): 20

### ICBMs:

- Total: 550

### Reconnaissance:

- Total: 62
- Active, 52; Reserve, 10